Anchalman, enhancement of daily allowance and consolidated travelling allowance of Anchal Inspectors, the increase in the cost of articles to be purchased for Anchal Offices use and electric fitting charges of Cochin Anchal Office. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotments.

Demands put and carried

24. Rs. 500 under "39-Miscellaneous—Maintenance of strangers and indigent persons"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "39-Miscellaneous—Maintenance of strangers and indigent persons." The reason for this increase was that a larger number of deaths of vagrant persons and beggars occurred than was anticipated. Persons from neighbouring places and neighbouring territories have begun to migrate into our land for want of food. It is not possible to maintain them when the number becomes large.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* On a point of information, may I know the number of such deaths among vagrants and beggars from the beginning of this year up-to-date?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* On what basis has this figure been arrived at ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* On last year's figures. Last year we budgetted as usual for a small amount and during the latter period of last year, the figure went up. That was also the experience for the first two months of this year. So we thought, on that average; we would not be in a position to carry on with this amount.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* We don't quarrel with the amount asked for. We would like to know the statistics. At least for the first two months, are the Government in a position to place facts and figures ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I do not exactly remember the number.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know the nature of the arrangements made by the Government to dispose of dead bodies; or to feed such beggars in their last moments ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No arrangement is made to feed the beggars. If they don't get food, they die. So far as the burial is concerned, arrangements are made by the authorities to take the dead bodies from the place where they are lying to the burial ground.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Can I take it that only the *postmortem* duties are done by the Government ?

Mr. President : I must remind the Hon'ble Members that they must confine their remarks to matters arising out of this particular demand. It is not in order to refer to other matters.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* My purpose was to elucidate the points of discussion which some of us want to raise.

Mr. President : This is not the right opportunity to raise it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* One more point. Will the Government kindly enlighten this House on the following points ? You said that you have not exact facts and figures. Can you give the figures roughly as regards the various Taluks in the State—How the figures work out as between Taluk and Taluk?

Mr. President : I suggest that if the Hon'ble Member wants detailed information it should be by means of a question.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* On a point of information. Is this amount utilised for Villages and Towns ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In the Towns the Municipalities have to bear the charges and not the Revenue Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is convinced that the increase is at a rapid rate ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Judged by the figures of these six months, it has not gone up.

Demand put and carried

25. Rs. 250 under "1-Land Revenue—(c) Supplies and Services — (c) Remittance of treasure"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment

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